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Hello Mr. Wheeler, my name is Nicholas Marros and I have a few questions and concerns pertaining to Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0274. Mainly, I do not think our science has come far enough to comfortably predict that the action Oxitec wishes to pursue will not have any unforeseen side effects that could potentially cause damage or harm in any number of years from now. I understand that GM organisms are nothing new, but I believe this will be one of the first times a GM species is being created and allowed to freely interact with the natural environment. Another concern I have towards this venture is that it has the potential to open the doors for other individuals or companies to follow suit in a similar manner, so I think we need to draw the line somewhere when it comes to GM applications.

I know that one day our understanding of this existence and our place in it will be well founded and established to the point where we can responsibly carry out such endeavors, but that day is certainly not today and may not be for sometime, and there is much evidence to support this.

I am curious as to how someone could legally halt or delay Oxitecs EUP? If possible, what steps would need to be taken? Thank you for your time and consideration.

- Nicholas Marros